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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING IN
PARIS SEPTEMBER 9-10 FOCUSED ON CSCE. THEY ALSO
ADDRESSED GREEK RELATIONS WITH COUNCIL OF EUROPE, UN-
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RELATED MATTERS, CYPRUS, AND EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. NEXT

MEETINGS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK FOR UNGA, AND IN PARIS ABOUT OCTOBER 10. END SUMMARY.

2. DUFOURCQ (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE) BRIEFED US SEPTEMBER 12 ON EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETINGS EARLY THIS WEEK IN PARIS, SAYING ATTENTION FOCUSED ON CSCE. ALTHOUGH HIS DE-BRIEF WAS NOT AS DETAILED AS REPORTS FROM OTHER POSTS (E.G., REFS A AND B) HE DID ADD A FEW NEW POINTS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES.

3. CSCE: WITHOUT GOING INTO SPECIFICS, HE SAID THAT EC PAPER AGREED UPON BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT THEIR MEETING SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10 AND TO BE TABLED AT NATO SEPTEMBER 13 SEEMS TO REVEAL A CONTINUING GULF BETWEEN THE EC AND THE US ON BASKET III AND CBM ISSUES. HE CHARACTERIZED EUROPEAN ATTITUDE AS "STILL EXPECTING BETTER RESULTS" THAN CURRENTLY ANTICIPATED BY THE US ON THESE SUBJECTS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EC AND THE US SEEM TO BE COMING CLOSER TOGETHER ON QUESTION OF THE "SPEED" WITH WHICH WE SHOULD ADDRESS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF CSCE. HE QUALIFIED THIS BY SAYING THAT, "OF COURSE, WHILE THE EUROPEANS WISH TO FINISH CSCE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO FINISH IT AT ANY PRICE." DUFOURCQ ALSO MENTIONED THAT TWO GROUPS OF EC CSCE EXPERTS MET IN PARIS LAST WEEK: ONE GROUP ADDRESSING POLITICAL ASPECTS, THE OTHER GROUP ADDRESSING ECONOMIC ASPECTS. HE PROVIDED NO DETAILS ON SUBSTANCE OF THOSE EXPERTS' MEETINGS.

4. GREECE: DUFOURCQ SAID THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD AGREED "TO SPEED UP WORK" TO PERMIT GREECE TO RESUME ITS SEAT AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. HE COMMENTED THAT THE EUROPEANS FELT THAT THIS WOULD HELP SOOTHE THE INJURED PRIDE OF GREEKS. ACCORDING TO DUFOURCQ, POLITICAL DIRECTORS SPENT LITTLE OR NO TIME ON EC/GREEK OR NATO/GREEK RELATIONS.

5. UN: DUFOURCQ MAINTAINED THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS PAID SCANT ATTENTION TO UN MATTERS. HE SAID THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION OF UN MATTERS WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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RAMBLING AND INDECISIVE. (COMMENT: THIS CHARACTERIZATION SEEMS TO BE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN ACCURATE WHEN COMPARED TO WHAT THE BRITISH TOLD US (REF B).)

6. CYPRUS: POLITICAL DIRECTORS COMPILED AN INVENTORY OF AID WHICH THE NINE PLAN INDIVIDUALLY TO EXTEND TO CYPRUS. DUFOURCQ SAID THE EC PLANS NO NEW INITIATIVES REGARDING CYPRUS AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS

MEETING. THEY AGREED THAT THE MAIN GOAL WAS TO KEEP THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES TALKING TO ONE ANOTHER.

7. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: POLITICAL DIRECTORS RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE JULY 31 SESSION OF THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. THEY ALSO AGREED TO CREATE SPECIAL EC APPARATUS TO SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF THIS DIALOGUE, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SOME FORM OF EC COMMISSION PARTICIPATION.

8. EXPERTS GROUPS: IN ADDITION TO TWO CSCE GROUPS OF EC EXPERTS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 ABOVE, DUFOURCQ SAID TWO OTHER EXPERTS GROUPS MET IN PARIS LAST WEEK: THE ASIA

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GROUP AND THE UN GROUP. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ON THE CONTENT OF THE EXPERTS MEETINGS, REF C PROVIDES A REPORT ON THE ASIAN EXPERTS MEETING WHICH WE RECEIVED FROM A NON-FRENCH SOURCE.

9. EC SPOKESMAN AT NATO: WE ASKED DUFOURCQ WHO WOULD SPEAK FOR EC NINE AT NATO WHEN IRELAND ASSUMES THE EC PRESIDENCY (REF D). DUFOURCQ SAID THAT SOME TIME AGO
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THE EC NINE HAD AGREED THAT WHEN THE CURRENT EC PRESIDENCY WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT A FORUM WHERE THE EC VOICE SHOULD BE HEARD, THE NEXT INCUMBENT OF THE EC PRESIDENCY WOULD SPEAK FOR EC NINE. DURING FIRST HALF OF 1975, THEREFORE, ITALY WOULD SPEAK AT NATO FOR EC NINE, ACCORDING TO DUFOURCQ.

10. SECURITY AFFAIRS: APART FROM TREATMENT OF CSCE REFERRED TO ABOVE, DUFOURCQ SAID THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF SECURITY MATTERS BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS.

11. FUTURE WORK PROGRAM: DUFOURCQ SAID THAT THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD MEET IN NEW YORK DURING UNGA, AND THAT THEIR NEXT FORMAL MEETING WOULD PROBABLY OCCUR AROUND OCTOBER 10 IN PARIS.

12. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT DUFOURCQ'S COMMENTS IN PARA 3 ABOVE BEAR OUT AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND'S PERCEPTION (REF A) THAT VAN WELL MAY HAVE OVER-STATED SOMEWHAT THE ACTUAL DEGREE OF MOVEMENT BY THE EC NINE TOWARD THE US VIEW ON CSCE.

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